

The Oregonian

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 1866.

THE ANDOVER CONTROVERSY.

Quite a storm of discussion is now raging round the noted theological seminary at Andover, Mass. This school of theology was founded about eighty years ago, and those who endowed it put into its charter a requirement that in all its teachings it should be held to close exposition of the severe orthodoxy of that time. All the professors were to be certain to believe and to teach through all time certain prescribed things; whether, as Dr. Wendell Holmes says somewhere in a critical passage, these certain prescribed things should be found out-someone to be more or less involved in them, but not to invent them. He began his defense by saying, not a lawyer or Webster was, with whom legal argument was but one of the bright feathers in his splendid plume of life achievement, but he is just a sharp, learned, cold, narrow lawyer like the late Charles O'Connor, only that O'Connor spoke a fine noble English, while Edmunds is dry and hard, and Edmunds was generous to those in need. He is interesting in Vermont just as Capt. Goldwater was a subject of awe and wonder to the Unitarians, but Capt. Goldwater was not so much an ordinary English-seminary graduate of Andover. Mr. Holmes is not a lawyer, he is a brilliant political writer, and yet he is intelligent, and of great genius compared with Edmunds. Edmunds' mannerisms from his law books and he is a comprehensive man for his vast opportunities for intellectual attainments since 1866, but Holmes, without law books or legal training, is very brilliant, interesting man of great and various powers of speech and public leadership. His looks only half-bright, honest and simple, and with a very thoughtful and intelligent bearing, political character and personal, he is the intelligent, political genius of the age compared with Edmunds. Edmunds' mannerisms from his law books and he is a comprehensive man for his vast opportunities for intellectual attainments since 1866, but Holmes, without law books or legal training, is very brilliant, interesting man of great and various powers of speech and public leadership. His looks only half-bright, honest and simple, and with a very thoughtful and intelligent bearing, political character and personal, he is the intelligent, political genius of the age compared with Edmunds.

It has been taking religious teaching out of the race of Augustinian and Catholic theology, and bringing it into account with the new development of man's consciousness which has grown naturally and irresistibly out of the application of the historical and literary method to treatment of all topics in the intellect and moral and religious development of the race. The case was made out of the professors of the school of Holmes upon the basis that the heretic, who had never heard of the gospel of Christ, were to be condemned to endless punishment; and this brought out discussion of the doctrine of probation after death. With some levity it was argued by one of the professors for orthodoxy that if the beheaded were to have another chance it was hardly worth while to give much money and labor to missionary efforts just now. The debate brought up the general question as to the so-called heretical tendencies of the Andover school; and now it is regarded as probable that a trial of the professors will be had for their views on their orthodoxy. The vital points of the atonement, inspiration of the scriptures and future punishment. The question is, will there be a purely legal aspect; that is to say, it will involve the inquiry whether the charter and endowments of the school will not be forfeited by its "heretical" teachings.

It would not be rash to say that Andover, with its broad and orthodox endowments, can't stand long in the way of a movement that is profoundly affecting the whole of Christendom. The whole world is affected by the trial of the professors on their orthodoxy, on the vital points of the atonement, inspiration of the scriptures and future punishment. The question is, will there be a purely legal aspect; that is to say, it will involve the inquiry whether the charter and endowments of the school will not be forfeited by its "heretical" teachings.

A (Manchester Eng.) correspondent of a Provincial newspaper writes that English manufacturers are seriously disturbed by the competition which they are experiencing from German manufacturers. Certain articles in which English manufacturers had a trade monopoly are now made in Germany at a price sufficiently low to admit of a trial of the products which, if they look to the future, will be largely increased.

The Boston *Advertiser* cannot accept this conclusion.

England depends for her success upon foreign markets, and it would be of insignificant help to her manufacturers to impose duties upon foreign products at her own ports, while the reverse would be the case with English manufacturers in all other parts of the world. More than this, the importance of such duties would tend to increase the cost of manufacture in England, and make it all the more difficult for her merchants to compete in the markets of the world with their continental rivals.

The *Advertiser* argues that the assertion that the trade development in Germany is due to protection is equally untenable. In the last twelve or fifteen years both France and Germany have materially changed their systems by the introduction of protectionist measures. France has gone ahead of a rapid rate, French protection has fallen in the rear, and yet of the two, protection in France is more exacting than protection in Germany.

The cause of German success, as the *Advertiser* points out, is to be found in the singular rapid growth of its currency. From a mass of blith and contented states, each having its own laws and its own bank, north central Europe has been transformed into a single unitary state, the unity of which is as rigid as the church and the purity of their lives will command high respect as true Christian men. Narrow or close definitions cannot confine the spirit of Christianity, and the intensely "orthodox" and supra-lapsarian doctrines that the Andover school was founded to teach and perpetuate were better dropped quietly, since no man can make these dry bones live. The Andover school, however, has shown a decided interest through long ages in the mind of the world, and this evidence of its adaptability to man was never so manifest as during the last fifty years. Wordsworth spoke of a "pagan suckled in a creed outworn." That would be the kind of Christian that Andover would turn out, should he go back to teach what his ancient church required. Such Christian could be of no use in this present world than the old sinner of the crucifix to a troop of modern cavalry.

RE-ELECTION OF EDMUNDS.

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COMMERCIAL

Having just received a large line of
LADIES' AND GENTS' CLOAKS, ETC., ETC.

And being overstocked, we do want to clear
out as soon as possible, and to do so
give special prices. Below are given
a few quotations of the goods
above mentioned:

Ladies' Cloak, 55¢ wide, 100¢.

All Wool, 55¢ Cloak, 44¢.

Black and Green, 44¢.

Velvets, 44¢.

Colored Silk Plushes only, 51¢.

All Silk Black Brocade, 50¢.

Wool, 50¢.

Plus quality Gold Satins, all colors, only
10¢.

A FULL LINE OF CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.

from \$1.50 upward.

LADIES' LONG NEWMARKET CLOAK

from \$5 upward.

Also, a number of other articles for
ladies to mention, suitable for fall and
winter, will be sold at

LOW PRICES.

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Opposite the Oregon Furniture
Company.

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GEORGE S. CLARK & CO.

Are Now Landing 1000 Tons of

Scotch Splint Coal.

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At the Lowest Prices Ever Charged

in Portland.

Don't order without asking them to quote.

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THE BEST BRECH-LOADING SHOT

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H. T. HUDSON, Agent

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Brech and Muzzle-Loading Shotguns

Rifles, Hunting, Fishing Tackle

and Sportsmen's Goods.

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Scotch Splint Coal published on the

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OREGON OIL CLOTHING CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

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F. J. COLBERT,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

CARPETS

LINENS, DRESSES, ETC.

MATS, etc. etc.

First and Familiar st., Portland, Or.

Proprietor.

L. F. FERER.

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THE CITY COUNCIL

Committee Appointed to Prepare Amendments to the Charter.

The Fire Commissioners Ask for \$17,000 to Meet Expenses for the Next Two Months—The Fire Limit Curtailed.

A regular meeting of the common council was held last evening, Mayor Gates in the chair and all the members present.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Portland—In accordance with your request, I enclose at your last meeting, I hereby present the following resolution to submit to the city charter: Councilmen F. Hatch and J. F. Clegg, F. Hatch, F. Clegg, A. C. H. Williams, Hon. H. C. Brown, and H. C. Williams.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN GATES Mayor

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

PORTLAND, (Ore.) Oct. 20, 1856

To the Honorable the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Portland—We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the fund for the maintenance of the fire department is not sufficient to meet the expenses of the department, and we would also state that of the amount asked for in our estimate of funds for the year, we have not been leaving any difference between the amount asked for and the amount received, and that we would be ready to turn the department the balance of the year, and we respectfully ask that your honor would take immediate steps to meet the above amount to the credit of the fire department.

PETITIION SUBMITTED

JOHN GATES Mayor

G. H. STORR

Attest: W. T. WATKINS Secretary

Referred to committee on fire and water.

From John Gibson, giving notice of the completion of a contract for building a sewer in West Park street, and that the sum of \$100 is due him.

From property owners on street, remonstrating against the proposed limit in that street.

From H. L. Lusk, asking to be relieved from part of his assessment for the improvement of Harrison street for the reason that it is disproportionately high, as the property is not so much situated in the street as is the case on the street referred to judiciary committee.

From Mrs. W. S. Davis and the owners of property in block 15, asking that they be reassessed for the same reason as the above, on the ground that their property is not benefited thereby, referred to the committee on judiciary.

From S. M. Barr offering to lease the city his stable on the corner of Sixth and G streets for three years at a monthly rental of \$50 placed on file.

From Theodore Wiegert and others, asking that an electric light be placed at the corner of Fourth and Taft streets, for reasons given in the following communication.

PORTLAND, Oct. 12, 1856

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Portland—Enclose a petition of citizens for an electric light at the intersection of Fourth and Taft streets, and a representation of the cost of the same, and a representation of \$310 out of the fund for the extension of Multnomah street which it would be in the interest of good order and of the protection of life and property that it be provided.

Among the remonstrants the compensation of the assistant engineer, and raising his salary to \$100 per year, read twice and referred to committee on fire and water, and expenses of construction of a sewer in Eighth street, from Davis to Harrison, read twice.

Providing for the time and manner of constructing a sewer in First street, from Bell to the intersection of First and Main, read twice and referred to committee on fire and water.

Establishing the grade of Sherman street, passed.

Providing for the time and manner of improving Sherman street, from North Eighteenth to North Nineteenth street, passed.

Contracting the fire limits by laying out four blocks passed.

RESOLVED,

Appointing Philo Enthoven, R. L. Durst and F. Optiz assessors for the proposed sewer in Fourth street, adopted.

Establishing the grade of Sherman street, to the intention of the C. M. A. and the V. E. Terpinski company to the necessity of a cross walk on North First street, opposite Ainsworth's wharf, adopted.

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Granting to the Northern American Electric Telegraph Company the right to erect and maintain and operate its telegraph system in this city, and a representation of \$310 out of the fund for the extension of Multnomah street which it would be in the interest of good order and of the protection of life and property that it be provided.

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From George Harold, asking to be released from assessment of \$14 for sidewalk on Jackson street, and the amount to be paid to the city for street improvements, referred to committee on judiciary.

From the F. M. and P. Co., giving notice of the completion of a contract for the improvement of Morrison street from Front to Ninth, and that the sum of \$200 is due therefor, read.

From S. Simon and others, asking for a street lamp at the northwest corner of H and Twelfth street, referred to judiciary committee.

From Warren & Warner, asking permission to construct a staircase to the basement of the building known Main and First streets referred to judiciary committee.

Great Eastern Tea Co., asking permission to erect a lamp in front of their store on Washington street granted.

H. G. Jones, asking permission to erect an ornamental lamp in front of the place of business granted.

From Catherine Phenix asking relief in the sum of \$300 for being hurt, being thrown down the stairs, and the amount to be paid to Pine street, referred to judiciary committee.

From the committee on fire and water, favoring the passage of an ordinance reducing the fire limit from First to Nineteenth, and A. Gould's addition, and block 15, read twice and referred to judiciary committee.

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